GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7802
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2002
TRAINING FOR SAFE STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS
JASKAUR MEENA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to import training to the people for the safe storage of the foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds spent on this scheme during 2001-2002, State-wise; and

(d) the benefits accrued by the public and the Government from this scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): Government is operating the scheme of Save Grain Campaign (SGC) since 1969-70. The main thrust of the activities of this scheme is at educating the farmers through training, demonstration and publicity in the field of scientific storage of foodgrains at farm level. The scheme is implemented through network of 17 SGC Offices spread throughout the country, in close collaboration with the State Governments, Non Government Organisations (NGOs), etc.

(c): Information is annexed.

(d): The activities of SGC have been evaluated on different occasions and it has been found that SGC has achieved a fair degree of success in meeting its major objectives for which it was formulated. The National Productivity Council in its study concluded that :

(i) as a result of activities carried out by the scheme, the post harvest losses have been down from about 16 to about 4%. 42.7% of the farmers who were covered under the study have rated the scheme as excellent, 30.9% rated as very good and 18.1% as good;

(ii) SGC has succeeded to a greater extent in covering the farmers for using improved storage structures for foodgrains;

(iii) The usage of metal bins which was only 4.7% before the inception of SGC has gone up to 31.3% after its implementation.Thus, there is a clear shift from traditional storage structures to modern scientific storage structures for the storage of foodgrains; and

(iv) Training activities conduced by SGC have been received extremely well by the farmers.99.5% of the farmers have expressed full satisfaction about the relevance of such training imparted by SGC.

ANNEX

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7802 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 17-05-2(THE LOK SABHA.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE STATE WISE AMOUNT SPENT DURING 2001-2002

1 Save Grain Campaign Office (Rs in lakhs)	Area Covered During 2001-2002 States	UT	Amount spent
1.Ahmedabad	Gujarat	Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu	31.24
2.Bangalore	Karnataka	-	37.78

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3.Bhopal Madhya Pradesh - 32.25

4.Bhubaneshwar Orissa - 25.60
5Calcutta West Bengal, Tripura & Sikkim Andaman & Nicobar 34.15
6Chandigarh Punjab, Himachal Pradesh andJ&K Chandigarh 33.06
7Guwahati Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, - 32.43
Meghalya, Arunachal Pradesh &
Mizoram
8Ghaziabad U.P, Haryana & Delhi - 36.06
9Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh - 27.74
10Jaipur Rajsthan - 33.03
11Lucknow Uttar Pradesh - 35.59
12Chennai Tamil Nadu Pondicherry 35.32
13Patna Bihar & Jharkhand - 27.72
14Pune Maharashtra & Goa - 34.69
15Thiruanantnhapuram Kerala Lakshadweep 11.39
16Raipur Chhattisgarh - 17.36
17Varansi Uttar Pardesh - -

Total - 500.75